

and rehabilitating them. By the application of modern scientific techniques ^{life of} / the moth-eaten, brittle and damaged documents/records, ~~life of~~ can be prolonged and they can be saved from ravages of time for their proper use by posterity.

Secretary's Note.

In this connection, attention is drawn to Resolution VII of 38th Session of the Indian Historical Records Commission (1967), which recommended transfer of District records which were more than 30 years old to the State Archives, and also to Resolution XIII of the same Session urging the State Governments to declare their Directors of Archives to be the inspecting authority for the non-current records of the State Offices at all levels.

- (b) Director of Archives be declared as the inspecting authority for State records at all levels.

Resolution by Thiru S. Singarajan

Resolved that the State Governments may be requested to take early steps to declare the Director of State Archives as an inspecting authority for the non-current records of State Offices at all levels, as well as of local bodies such as Municipalities, Zilla Parishads and the like in the States.

Explanatory Note

A Resolution requesting the State Governments on the subject was passed at 38th Session of the Indian Historical Records Commission held at the Jadavpur University, Calcutta (Resolution XIII), but it has not had the desired effect.

Secretary's Note

As regards Resolution XIII of the 38th Session (1967), the State Governments of Rajasthan, Kerala, West Bengal, U.P. and Punjab and the Administration of Goa, Daman & Diu have accepted the recommendation contained therein, while the Governments of Mysore, Orissa and Haryana have stated that they are accepting it in principle.

Proceedings

The resolution at 7(a) and (b) were formally moved respectively by Dr. Nijjar and Thiru Singarajan. As the main purpose of both the above resolutions were similar, the suggestion of the chairman for linking the two in a single resolution was accepted and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolution V - The Commission is of the view that it is imperative to take all necessary steps to ensure the proper maintenance and preservation of all Public records in the States, whether current, semi-current or non-current. The State Governments are, therefore, requested to implement urgently the recommendations already made by the Commission (vide resolution VII and XIII of the 38th Session) and (i) transfer all District records more than 30 years old to the control of the State Archives, and (ii) declare their Directors of State Archives to be inspecting authority for the non-current records of the State Offices at all levels, as also of the local bodies viz. Municipalities, Zilla Parishads etc. in the State.

- (8) Financial assistance by the Government of India to set up State Archives.

Resolution by Mysore Government

The Indian Historical Records Commission resolves that the Government of India take immediate steps to extend cent-per-cent financial assistance and enable the State Governments to set up full fledged Records Offices where there are no such offices so far.